heard it but she, affirming that it squealed very loud in her ears

Mother Samuel still continuing in her denial, the Lad/ Cromwell would have taken her into a chamber where Dr HaU, a doctor of Divinity, was present, to examine her more closely, but she refused to go with them At length, when the Lady perceived that she could not prevail with her, she suddenly pulled off Mother Samuel's kercher and taking a pair of shears clipped off a lock of her hair and gave it privily to Mrs Throck-morton together with her hairlace, willing her to burn them Mother Samuel seeing herself thus dealt with spake to the Lady, ' Madam, why do you use me this ? I never did you any harm as yet *

Towards night the Lady departed, leaving the children much as she had found them That night the Lady Cromwell suffered many things in her dreams concerning Mother Samuel and was very strangely tormented by a cat (as she imagined) which Mother Samuel had sent to her which offered to pluck off all the skin and flesh from her arms and body Such was the struggling and strivmg of the Lady in her bed and the mournful noise which she made, speaking to the cat and to Mother Samuel, that she awakened her bedfellow, who was Mrs Cromwell, wife of Mr Oliver Cromwell Not long after, the Lady fell strangely sick and so continued until her death which occurred in about a year and a quarter The manner of her sickness, except that she always had her perfect senses, was much like the children's, the pains taking her sometime in one part of the body, sometime in another, but always the grieved part shook as if in a palsy But the saying of Mother Samuel would never go out of her mind [c] Madam, I never hurt you *as yet*[5]

Some time after Mother Samuel, who

was then staying at
Mr. Throckmorton's house, became very
sick, and being very
penitent in her sickness she confessed
her witchcraft Mr
Throckmorton sent to Dr. Dorrmgton, the
minister of the town,
relating the whole circumstance and
desiring him to console
her The next day being Sunday,
and Christmas Eve, Dr
Dornngton to comfort her chose his text
of repentance out of
the Psalms, and there declared
in the whole assembly all
the matter of Mother Samuel's
confession, applying himself